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Of course we understand that the two extra days of classes missed would have to be made up somewhere in the calendar. One possible place would seem to be at the beginning of the fall semester, since our school year generally starts a little later than that of other schools. By the time the end of summer arrives, most of us are ready to return to school and are more or less tired of summer idleness. To return to school a couple of days

earlier than usual, therefore, especially when most of our friends have already left for their schools, would probably be agreeable to all.

When asked about the possibility of this plan, a member of the administration recently said that some faculty members travel abroad during the summer, and normally get back just in time for the start of classes, and that this would be hard on them. It does seem, however, that a day or two couldn't make much difference to one who has been traveling all summer.

One other problem which would have to be solved is that of freshmen arrivals. Under the projected plan, classes would start on a Tuesday rather than the present Thursday. The freshmen, however, have always arrived on a Sunday, so that parents could accompany them to school. In order to keep this convenient arrangement, perhaps the freshmen could come a whole week earlier, thus providing for the entire week of orientation which has been discussed several times in the past. This is entirely a separate problem, of course, but one which has a bearing on the vacation problem.

It is evident that several such questions must be ironed out before any vacation change can be made. The change could not go into effect as soon as next year because next year's calendar has already been planned and published.

If there is enough student demand for such a change, however, the administration will form a committee to study the possible solutions.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

This letter comes in response to the March 16th editorial entitled "Editorial Cancellation." I could not help but feel that it was caused by its smug and irresponsible tone. No blame is to be attached to Mary Washington College for the cancellation of the Williams College choral engagement! Society is going to be better off in particular as the amateur forces at work! Furthermore, there is not even a hint that persons at Mary Washington might begin to take some more responsible action to end that "ugly racial prejudice" and diminish and eventually disappear.

Aside from the fact that every person in our country is involved in the guilt of racial discrimination, I am not nearly as sure as the author of the editorial seems to be that society is entirely innocent of action in a prejudiced or intolerant manner.

In short, I am painfully reminded of the parable Jesus told of the Pharisee and the Publican: "Lord I thank Thee that I am not like other men" etc. (Luke 18: 9-14)

Sincerely yours,  
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Dear Editor:

I would like to congratulate you on your excellent handling of the cancellation of the Williams College concert. I think your editorial and the letter to the editor protesting the cancellation show a great degree of unprejudiced and unbiasedness and speak very well for the student of MWC.

Thank you for the very informative explanation of this disgraceful situation.

Sincerely,  
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